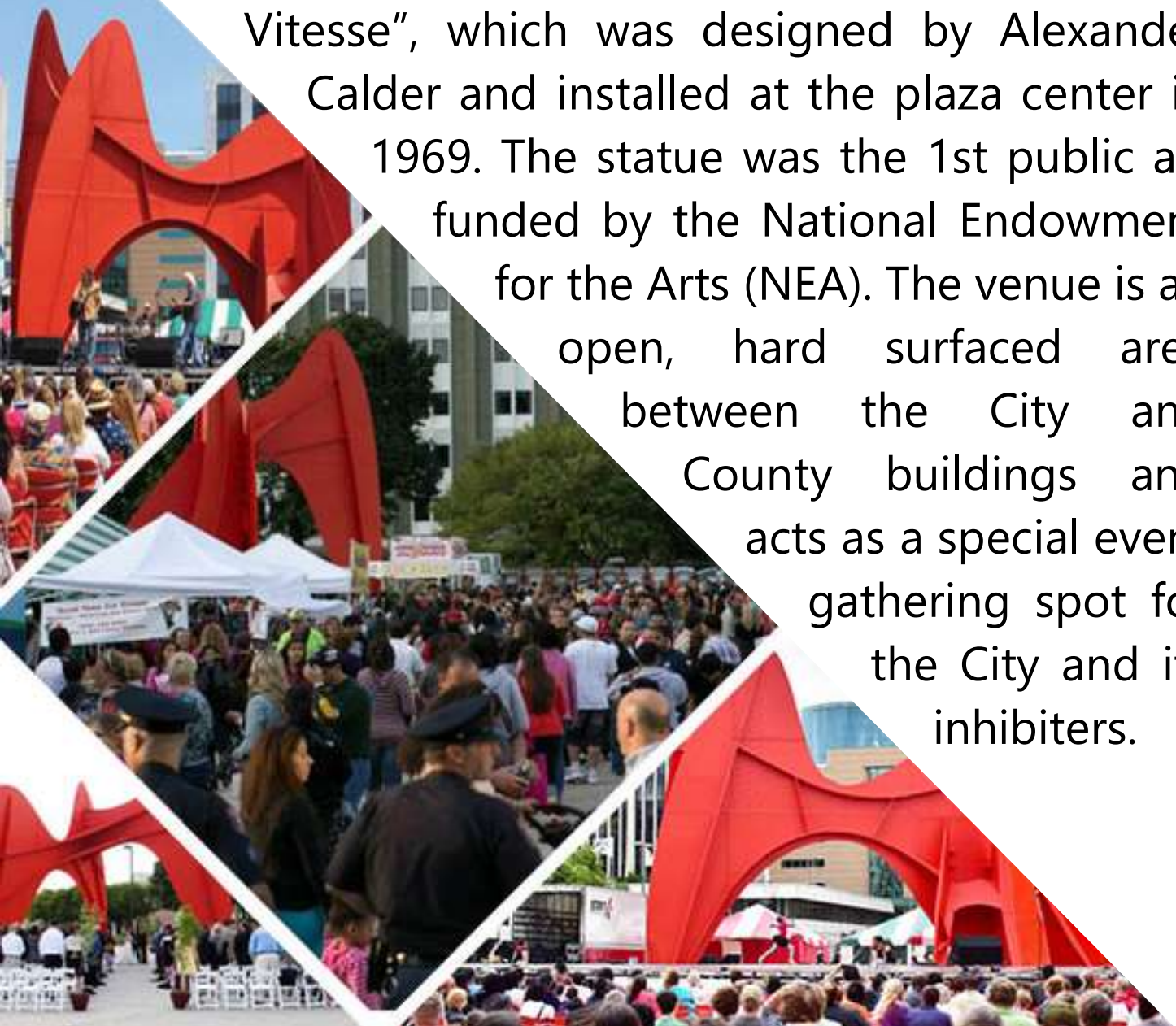




CALDER PLAZA

Calder Plaza has been known as the "City Center" for the City of Grand Rapids. Our City has been identified with the Calder Stabile "La Grand Vitesse", which was designed by Alexander Calder and installed at the plaza center in 1969. The statue was the 1st public art funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). The venue is an open, hard surfaced area between the City and County buildings and acts as a special event gathering spot for the City and its inhabitants.



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RESTRICTIONS & GUIDELINES

- A **site map** must be provided to display the layout of the event
- All **sound** must be conducted below 85 decibels, metered at the perimeter
- Any **tape, rope, signs, wire**, etc. that have been placed on the ground, buildings, columns, windows, poles, etc. must be completely removed after the event. Additional fees will be charged if any items are left
- Vendors/trucks/tables all must have a **mat** underneath to avoid damages to the grass and pavement and catch grease and liquid spills
- **Staking** is not permitted. You must use water barrels.
- All **vehicles**, in front of meters or not, must have a permit supplied by parking services. Vehicles without permits may be ticketed *Only vehicles dropping off for set-up/tear down are allowed
- **Parking** is available underneath the Plaza in the Government Lot as well as in front of the Plaza. To have meters hooded please contact parking services
- Electrical **cords** are not to be laid across walkways or over mounds for safety reasons. See map for voltage & locations
 - There are six light poles on the Plaza—each provide two Hubble 50 AMP 220V and one 20 AMP 110V GFI plug. There are four electrical boxes all equipped with breakers for each outlet.
- It is required that there is a **clean-up plan** established before the event takes place. There will be an extra fee for damages or any necessary clean up provided by the City.



SEVERE WEATHER DEFINITION

Severe weather involves conditions which can pose health or safety risks to employees or to the public involved in program/ event/facility use. Severe weather examples include: Tornado, Severe Thunderstorms, Lightning, High Winds, Extreme Heat, Extreme Cold, Heavy Snow, Freezing Rain, and Blizzards.

WATCH VS WARNING

SEVERE WEATHER WATCH

- High probabilities of severe weather
- Event continues if weather permits

SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

- Event MC must immediately make an announcement instructing attendees to seek shelter
- Event staff and vendors shut down and turn off any gas or electric components

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

It is important to have a well thought out and coordinated approach for responding, proceeding and dealing with severe weather. The emphasis is to take reasonable steps towards protecting the public, employees, and property during severe weather.

- Designate a person who will maintain the appropriate communication link (radio, phone, etc.).
- Depending on the event, location, crowd and whether the event is yet to begin, just starting or nearly finished, the staff person in charge may delay or cancel event.
- The staff person in charge will make every effort to secure all equipment.
- When the police officers, fire officers, or other officials are available, their decision to delay or cancel an event should be discussed with the Office of Special Events.

*Refunds will be made at the discretion of the OSE





Plaza Capacity

The Calder Plaza can accommodate approximately 8,600 people at one time.

Amenities

Electric, Water, Built in Stake Holes, and Access to Public Parking.

Stage Dimensions

The Calder Plaza is broken up into sections. In front of the buildings it is 300 ft. wide by 175/230 ft. long. The backside of the buildings is 300 feet wide by 35/85 feet long.

Site Rental

There is a cost to rent Calder Plaza. For a full list of all fees that may apply, please refer to our Planning and Resource Guide at grandrapidsmi.gov/specialevents



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